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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) An attachment for a two-part IOL comprising:
an optic;
a haptic, wherein the haptic is more rigid than the optic;
at least two cleats on the haptic; and
at least two eyelets on the optic allowing each of said cleats to firmly attach to one of said eyelets on the optic,
wherein said two-part IOL is configured to pass completely through a small incision without folding the haptic, and wherein said cleats on the haptic extend generally in the direction of the plane of the haptic, wherein the plane of the haptic is generally perpendicular to the optical axis when the optic is attached to the haptic.

41-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein said haptic further comprises at least one more cleat.

52. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 51, wherein said at least two cleats are asymmetrical.

53. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein said haptic further comprises a hinge.

54. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein said haptic comprises:
a first rigid element;
a second rigid element formed of a relatively higher modulus material than the first rigid element, wherein said first and second rigid elements are separated from one another at a discontinuity; and
a relatively less rigid element formed of relatively lower modulus material bridging said discontinuity.

55. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said bridging allows for the second element to be rotated into the anterior chamber.

56. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein said haptic is composed of a higher modulus material selected from the group consisting of:

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polyimide, polyetheretherketone, polycarbonate, polymethylpentene, polymethylmethacrylate, polypropylene, polyvinylidene fluoride, polysulfone, and polyether sulfone.

57. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 56, wherein said polyimide is KAPTON.

58. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 56, wherein said higher modulus material is polyphenylsulfone (PPSU).

59. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 56, wherein said higher modulus material has a modulus of about 100,000 to about 500,000 psi/inch.

60. (Currently Amended) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim ~~60~~59, wherein said higher modulus material has a modulus of about 340,000 psi/inch.

61. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 56, wherein said higher modulus material is less than or equal to about 0.01 inches thick.

62. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said lower modulus material is an elastomer selected from the group consisting of: silicones, urethane, or hydrophilic acrylics.

63. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said lower modulus material has a modulus of about 100 to about 1000 psi.

64. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said lower modulus material has a hardness of about 15 to 70 on the shore A scale.

65. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said higher modulus material has a hardness of 60 to 95 shore D.

66. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said lower modulus material is selected from the group consisting of: NUSIL MED 6600, 6604, 6607, 6400, and 6820.

67. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein said optic is selected from the group consisting of a refractive lens, an interference lens, a toric lens, a multifocal lens, a positive lens, and a negative lens.

68. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein a lower modulus material partially or completely covers said haptic.

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69. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 53, wherein said hinge comprises a toe region, a foot region, and a lower modulus material extended toward the foot region.

70. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 54, wherein said lower modulus material is applied by surface treatment and molding.

71. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 70, wherein said surface treatment is a corona or plasma treatment.

72. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 70, wherein said molding is selected from the group consisting of dip molding, cast molding, and injection molding.

73. (Cancelled)

74. (Previously presented) The attachment of Claim 40, wherein said two-part IOL is configured to pass completely through a 2.5mm or less opening without folding the haptic.

75. (Previously presented) The attachment for a two-part IOL of Claim 40, wherein the haptic is generally "L" shaped.

76. (Cancelled)

77. **(Currently Amended)** An attachment for a two-part IOL comprising:
an optic;
a haptic, wherein the haptic is more rigid than the optic;
at least two cleats on the optic; and
at least two eyelets on the haptic allowing each of said cleats to firmly attach to one of said eyelets on the haptic,

wherein said two-part IOL is configured to pass completely through a small opening without folding the haptic, and wherein said cleats on the optic extend generally in the direction of the plane of the optic, wherein the plane of the optic is generally perpendicular to the optical axis.

78. **(Currently amended)** An attachment for an IOL comprising:
an optic;
a haptic;
at least two cleats on the optic; and

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at least two eyelets on the haptic allowing each of said cleats to firmly attach to one of said eyelets on the haptic,

wherein said optic and said haptic are each configured to pass separately, completely through a small incision without folding the haptic, and wherein said cleats on the optic extend generally in the direction of the plane of the optic, wherein the plane of the optic is generally perpendicular to the optical axis.

79. **(Currently amended)** An attachment for an IOL comprising:
an optic;

a haptic;

at least two cleats on the haptic; and

at least two eyelets on the optic allowing each of said cleats to firmly attach to one of said eyelets on the optic,

wherein said optic and said haptic are each configured to pass separately, completely through a small incision without folding the haptic, and wherein said cleats on the haptic extend generally in the direction of the plane of the haptic, wherein the plane of the haptic is generally perpendicular to the optical axis when the optic is attached to the haptic.

80. **(Previously presented)** The attachment of Claim 40, wherein the eyelets are attached firmly, but moveably to allow for natural movement of the eye.

81. **(Previously presented)** The attachment of Claim 40, wherein when the eyelets are attached to the cleats, part of the eyelet passes beneath the plane of the optic.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the Interview of June 25, 2004 in which the summary follows:

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 40, and 77-79.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Benjamin et al. (FR 2,728,459)

Proposed Amendments

Applicants suggested adding the language “in the direction of” to “the plane of the optic” and the Examiner suggested further adding “wherein the plane of the optic is perpendicular to the optical axis” to better define the “plane of the optic”.

Results of Interview

Applicants agreed to discuss the Examiner’s proposed amendment with their client.